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To the Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2006, the period for response being set to expire December 7, 2006 by a one-month extension of time filed herewith, applicant requests favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicant's remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.